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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL NUCLEAR POLICY STATEMENT

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1. CHARGE MADE PRESENTATION ALONG LINES REFTEL LATE EVENING MARCH 31 TO GDR FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER. FISCHER SAID HE WOULD INFORM SECRETARY GENERAL HONECKER OF THE APPROACH, WHICH WOULD BE HELD IN CONFIDENCE, AND THAT THE NON-PAPER CHARGE LEFT WOULD BE STUDIED CAREFULLY BY APPROPRIATE PERSON. NOTING HE WAS NOT AN EXPERT ON NUCLEAR MATTERS AND WOULD NOT COMMENT ON CHANGES IN US DOMESTIC PRACTICES, FISCHER SAID THAT GDR'S OPPOSITION ON NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION WAS CLEAR: THE GDR WAS OPPOSED TO THE USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR NON-CIVILIAN PURPOSES AND THAT ALL COUNTRIES SHOULD SIGN THE NPT. IF THE GDR HAD ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE US NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY DECISIONS, THEY WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH USG EITHER THROUGH OUR EMBASSY HERE OR THEIR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

2. CHARGE NOTED THAT WHILE HE HAD NOT EXPECTED FISCHER TO COMMENT ON US DOMESTIC DECISIONS, WE DID WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT THESE DECISIONS HAD IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS AND THEREFORE WE WISHED TO
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INFORM AND CONSULT WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS ON BEST WAYS TO MEET GLOBAL ENERGY NEEDS UNDER APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS WHILE AT SAME TIME REDUCING RISK OF PROLIFERATION. CHARGE HAD EXPECTED THAT FISCHER MIGHT NOT WANT TO POSE QUESTIONS UNTIL HE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY NON-PAPER, BUT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE HIS QUESTIONS/COMMENTS AT ANY

POINT

3. COMMENT: WE BEGAN SEEKING APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER IMMEDIATELY AFTER RECEIPT OF REFTEL. WEEK-LONG MEETING OF LARGE NUMBER OF GDR AMBASSADORS WITH FISCHER WAS PART OF REASON OF DELAY. OTHER FACTOR MAY HAVE BEEN FISCHER'S RELUCTANCE TO RECEIVE CHARGE UNTIL IT WAS MADE CLEAR THAT CHARGE HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO SEE FOREIGN MINISTER OR EQUIVALENT HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIAL TO MAKE PRESENTATION. POLANSKY

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